CSNPC Contract Report

October 2026



Vandalised goals at Seven Fields

Street Scene

October has been a quite month for the street scene teams and as such they have been able to spend more time litter picking through the estates. All bins have been emptied in line with frequencies with no reports of missed / over full bins. The issues with fly tipped household waste coming from the various HMO's (Gorsehill) continue, this is super frustrating as we thought a resolution had been found.

On the 5th of October we began our second road sweep of the year, we carried out these works over a 15-day period. As with previous sweeps I advised parish officers of the planned route and dates so updates could be posted on their social media platforms, but despite the updates we still struggled going through both Goreshill and Rodbourne due to the number of parked cars. The last two days of the program were spent revisiting problem areas, one of these areas was Montague St (Rodbourne) in the hope that we could access more of the kerb line, unfortunately we were not successful, this was frustrating as I am conscious of previous issues with flooding along this road. We also paid second visits to both Beech Avenue and Buller St / Edinburgh St to tackle some of the leaves.

The weights taken into the tip this month are as follows,

11,220kg General (bins and litter picking) 4,080kg green waste and 85,320kg of detritus lifted by the road sweeper

Sparkle Team

I am pleased to report that we are now back to a two-man team, the successful candidate started towards the end of the month, and I'm pleased to report he is settling in well. The focus for this team over the past few weeks has been leaf clearances (by hand) from hot spot areas. They have cleared along Beech Avenue, Chaple St, Buller St and Edinburgh St. A mech sweep is booked in and due to commence through the latter part of November, we will continue to clear by hand leading up to this.

Grounds Maintenance

Through the early part of October, we completed the final grass cut on the main round, we are still sending the batwing out on the sports pitches on a as and when needed basis and will continue to do so for as long as possible.

The rest of the team have commenced shrub and hedge works; we have nearly completed all hand work through Moredon and will shortly begin along Whitworth Road leading into Penhill. My aim is to be completed in Penhill before we break up for Christmas, as it stands, we are looking good to hit this target. Any shrubs/hedges which were completed through the latter part of summer will be visited again but towards the end of the program.

My plans for tractor and flail works have been held back due to an issue with the procurement of the asset; I have been assured that it is close to being resolved and that I will have use as of the beginning of December. As soon as its with me we will be out on the recreation grounds first then move through the estates in route order. We have been completing the smaller hedges by hand in the meantime.

As mentioned in previous report we have been struggling to get all the football pitches up and running, our main concern has been pitches 2 & 3 at seven fields, the issues have been cracks/divots and bare patches. After a few site meetings with the Ops Manager it was decide that we would carry out another round of over seeding on all pitches at seven fields. These works were completed through the final week of the month; we are hopeful that by the end of November all pitches will be up and running. All other pitches are up and running. We have experienced some ASB at seven fields, the goal posts on pitch one have been pushed over (2 times) after the 2nd occasion we set the goals in a much larger lump of concrete, this, we hope will make it very difficult to push over. We have also been made aware of a group using an area within pitch two which we believe has contributed to the issues with bare patches, the Ops manager knows more about this (unsure if I can mention?)

Hilmarton Avenue brash clearance





Hedge reduction – Fyfield Avenue (resident request)





Akers Way – steps leading to Church Walk south









Brankscombe road leading to Swanage Walk









Montrose Close





Health & Safety

The only safety issue we have to report is a smashed car window which happened at the beginning of the month, this proved tricky to resolve as the third party sorted the damage before informing us of the incident. Once we had been made aware and run a few checks to see if we were in the area at the time the claim was passed on to our insurance to process. Not ideal for the third party but that's the route I had to follow; all is in hand now. We have carried out 17 onsite inspections through the month and there have been 6 near miss reports.

Staffing

As mentioned earlier in the report we have now back filed the vacant position on the street scene team, this proved to be easier than expected. All other positions have remained static. At the beginning of the month our supervisor informed that he is looking for other work. As is standard for this time of year we have colleagues using up their remaining holiday balance, this is being managed so that we do not have too many people off at the same time but will be ongoing until the Christmas break.

Upcoming works

We are relatively quite for extra works going through the winter months, as it stands, we have some bulb and tree planting to complete in the Venny and the upcoming leaf sweep.